

## **WOMT Notes**

### **March 4, 2014 Meeting**

#### **1. General Information:**

**CVP:** *Keswick Release @ 3,250 cfs*

*Nimbus Release @ 500 cfs*

*Goodwin Release @ 200 cfs*

*Jones Pumping Plant @ 2,400 cfs*

*X-channel Gates: Closed*

*Federal Share of San Luis @ 373 TAF*

**SWP:** *Oroville Release @ 800 cfs*

*Clifton Court Allotment @ 2,200 cfs*

*State Share of San Luis @ 307 TAF*

*Freeport Flow approx. 21,400 cfs*

*Vernalis Flow approx. <1000 cfs*

*Delta Outflow approx. 25,000 cfs*

*The 14 day average E/I ratio of 0.35 is controlling project operations*

**SWRCB:** The SWRCB extended the TUC provisions of their Order through March; additional export pumping greater than 1500 cfs combined (public health and safety maximum) if the Delta Outflow is between 3,000 cfs and 11,400 cfs is being discussed, no specific proposal yet; last week Gov. Brown signed emergency drought legislation – curtailment provisions for diverters on Delta rivers for riparian and pre-1914 diverters are of interest, more details to follow.

**Current Water Project Operations Status:** At the beginning of last week, project exports were at TUC-mandated minimum public health and safety levels and project reservoir releases continued at minimal levels; storms beginning mid-last week increased natural flows into the Delta; as a result, Delta Outflows are currently above the 11,400 cfs level; the D-1641 requirement for Delta Outflow for March indicates that X2 should be at Chipps Island (11,400 cfs minimum) for most, if not all, of the month; current project exports are above minimum public health and safety levels, reflecting that all D-1641 requirements are currently being met; this condition is expected to continue for about a week or so. The 14 day average E/I ratio of 0.35 is controlling project operations

**NMFS – Biological Opinion for CV Salmonids, Steelhead, Sturgeon:**

- (1) OMR no more negative than -5000 cfs (January 1 – June 15 requirement);
- (2) No advice from DOSS, therefore no NMFS determination necessary.

**USFWS – Delta Smelt** : At current and projected export levels, the risk of entrainment to Delta smelt is low, therefore no change in operations is recommended per SWG; No determination from USFWS.

**DFW – Longfin Smelt** : Current export rates are protective of Longfin Smelt at this time. Continue w/ Incidental Take Permit Condition 5.3, which limits Barker Slough Diversion Rates to no greater than 50 cfs on a 7 day running average basis until March 31 or earlier if no larval Longfin Smelt are detected at Station 716 in subsequent surveys. Currently in field conducting updated field surveys.

**2. WOMT Decisions** - None